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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract of the application on page 32, lines 1-24 with the following paragraph:

A wireless telecommunications system is provided for connecting to a data link and for routing data packets between the data link and a subscriber terminal. ~~of the wireless telecommunications system. The subscriber terminal is connectable to a central terminal of the wireless telecommunications system via a radio resource, the~~ The wireless telecommunications system ~~providing~~ provides a group of communication channels arranged to utilise [[the]] a radio resource ~~for transmission of data packets~~. The group is shared by a plurality of subscriber terminals ~~and consists of downlink communication channels for transmission of data packets from the central terminal to the subscriber terminals and uplink communication channels for transmission of data packets from the subscriber terminals to the central terminal. The wireless telecommunications system further comprises a~~. A subscriber controller within the subscriber terminal is arranged, when a data packet is to be transmitted to the data link, to acquire ~~an uplink~~ a communication channel from the group to enable that data packet to be transmitted ~~via the central terminal to the data link~~. A resource monitor is then used to receive information concerning [[the]] traffic loading ~~of predetermined elements of the wireless telecommunications system~~, and to apply predetermined criteria ~~based on that information~~ to determine how long the ~~uplink~~ communication channel may be acquired for by the subscriber terminal before causing the subscriber controller to release the ~~uplink~~ communication channel ~~for use by other subscriber terminals~~.

~~This approach enables the time a subscriber terminal is allowed to keep an uplink communication channel acquired for its own use to be managed having regard to prevailing traffic conditions, thereby enabling efficient management of the shared communication channels in the group.~~

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